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Attorney Docket No. 3003-1115

In re application of

Rodney Alan CROSS, et al. Confirmation No. Unknown

Application No. 10/565,172 Group Art Unit: Unknown

Filed: January 19, 2006 Examiner Unknown

Title: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ASPIRATING FACE SEALS AND  
THRUST BEARINGS

**SMALL ENTITY CLAIM AND REQUEST FOR REFUND**

**Mail Stop 16**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27  
and requests that 1/2 of the original filing fee, namely \$600.00 be credited to Deposit Account  
No. 25-0120 as this claim is filed within the three-month term.

Respectfully submitted,

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